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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended three (3) months from April 12, 2004 to July 12, 2004, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$950 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$950 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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